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DAYTON, Ohio, March 11, 1974 --- Brother Austin J. Holian, S.M., former Dean of Engineering and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Dayton, died Sunday, March 10 of a heart attack in Cupertino, California. Brother Holian, who was 69 years old, dedicated 47 years to the religious life.

In part responsible for the establishment of research as a function of the University, Brother Holian joined the department of Engineering at UD in 1944 and became Acting Dean of Engineering in 1945.

In 1950, he became Business Manager and was in charge of new building construction on campus. Responsibilities for the University's research program shifted to Brother Holian in 1955. In 1963, he was appointed Assistant Dean for Research and between 1965-69 he served as Dean for Graduate Studies and Research.

An alumnus of the University of Dayton, Brother Holian received his Bachelor of Science in Education in 1931 and later was awarded Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Case Institute of Technology (Case-Western Reserve) in 1943 and 1944.

Beginning his teaching profession in 1930, he taught at Covington Catholic High in Kentucky, Chaminade in Santa Cruz, Trinity College in Sioux City, and Chaminade in Mineola, New York.

"Brother Holian was a fine teacher in Engineering, a great organizer, and a man with a lot of determination to see things through," Brother Elmer C. Lackner, S.M., recalls. Brother Lackner a 1927 graduate of U.D. has been active with UD since the University of Dayton Prep school in the 1930's and more recently served as Vice President for Public Relations.

"In addition his professional work," Brother Lackner continues, "Brother Holian was a very solid religious member of the Society of Mary and was active in the many works of the Society."

"He continuously concentrated on the necessity of preparing personnel to replace retiring members in administrative positions and was particularly insistent on maintaining some balance between religious and lay personnel at the University."

Two of his most outstanding achievements were the development of the Research Council and the planning of the Engineering Research building.

A funeral Mass will be held in Cupertino, California on Wednesday and burial will take place Thursday at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos. A Memorial Mass will be held on the University of Dayton Campus at the Main Chapel at 12:10 P.M. on ~~Thursday~~ *Wednesday*.

Brother Austin Holian is survived by his sister Mrs. Francis (Nora) Costello and brother, Peter, both of San Francisco.